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Local and Personal News.

Ed. Ferguson was in St. Louis the past week on business.

Joe Crosson took charge of his old run on the branch again last Monday.

Attorney Alf Perkins has been in Oklahoma for the past week attending to legal business.

Justice W. A. Henderson was taken quite ill Wednesday night with an attack of pneumonia.

Squire W. M. Rice, of Current River township, was in town last Saturday transacting business.

Grandma Hostinson, who lives on East Locust street, has been ill with the grippe for the past week.

Circuit Clerk Will Mabrey, accompanied by Oscar Turner, went up the river Tuesday for a day or two, to fish and hunt.

The Doniphan Roller Mill Co., this week sold a car-load of flour and feed to Albert Powers, of Orly, and the car was shipped out yesterday.

Frank Klein, tie inspector for Albert Powers, in the yards here, bought 47 loads of ties last Tuesday, and it was not a very good day for ties either.

Prosecutor Jim Fulbright and attorney Jim Lou Robinson were out at Fair-dealing last Saturday trying a case in Justice Ryan Cope's court. It was a slander case and the jury found the defendant guilty and assessed a fine of \$25.00 and the costs.

Asel Ponder sold his farm on the Fourchee, near Ponder, the past week, to a gentleman named Chambers, from Iowa. A sister of the purchaser, a widow lady with a family, will occupy the place, which is one of the nicest in that section of the county.

Uncle Barney Smith came in last Monday from Little Rock and Tuesday again took the run on the branch locomotive. Uncle Barney has had a run on the Memphis line of the I. M. since he returned to work, but concluded he liked the Doniphan branch run the best and "has come back." The locomotive whistle sounds familiar again.

George Wheelock, of the Doniphan Light, Ice & Manufacturing Co., has formed a partnership with Geo. B. Shultz, and the two gentlemen have secured the agency right of Missouri and Arkansas for the sale of the Index Incandescent coal oil burner, a German invention, the company having a branch office in New York. It makes a fine light.

E. F. Triplett and Miss Fannie Young, both of Neelyville, came up on the noon train Wednesday and proceeding to the court house procured a license and were united in marriage by Judge D. B. Young. Deputy Circuit clerk Tom Robinson was the sole and only witness of the interesting event. The groom weighed something over 200 pounds. They returned to Neelyville on the afternoon train.

Marshal Rongey has this week succeeded in getting the pudding store men to cut out the sale of "apple jack" or hard cider. This is a manufactured product and much of it has been sold here, since boot-legging has been squelched. This drink, while pleasant enough, has enough alcohol in it to make a person who indulges in two or three glasses of it, feel the effects, and in some instances young men have been known to get tipsy from drinking it. This is what the marshal has been trying to stop and now that he has succeeded it is to be hoped that the stuff will not again be placed on sale in the city.

The "Pals" had a nice time at their meeting with Miss Anna Mabrey last Friday night. It was "stunt" night and each member was required to do some special thing for the education of the others. Some of the "stunts" were good, viz: Miss Ouida Sumner, for one of her specialties being required to spell "mouse-trap" with three letters; and she did it—cat. One of Miss Alice Ponder's "stunts" was to go half way up stairs and be brought down on a ladder. Do you see the point? And some others equally as good as these were given. A nice lunch was served and the treasury members were glad to see the girls home safely.

Jason Dodd made another trip to this city from his home at Hardley yesterday, and will return this morning.

A. J. Rouse left here for his home at Linn Creek, Camden county, last Monday, expecting to stop in St. Louis for a day or two.

Another cold wave, a "dry norther," came down on this locality yesterday morning, and made the spring like temperature decidedly wintery.

John Nunnelle and wife have moved to Current View for the time being. They will return here later, as John went there in order to be near his work.

Charlie Lacy, wife and baby returned Sunday from a visit at his old home at Grassland, and came by the way of Williamsville where he visited a brother who is in business there.

Jeff Burgett has been confined to his home for the past week with a severe case of ulcerated tonsils. He is getting better now as the ulcers gathered and broke last Tuesday, relieving him greatly from suffering.

Quite a number of the members of the 1908 Bryan Club assembled at the court room last night and spent the evening pleasantly. It was a regular meeting night but there was nothing on the program and those present enjoyed the meeting very well.

Constable Warren Brooks has sufficiently recovered from his long siege of rheumatism to be able to be about some with the aid of a cane. He has been laid up ever since last spring and it will be some time yet ere he is fully recovered.

About two weeks ago Phil Hickman went to Pangborn, Arkansas, to work for the Western Tie and timber Co., on Little Red river. Last Saturday Charles Robinson, Dick Danner, Will Williams and Dan Buffington also went there and will engage in rafting ties for the company on that stream.

Albert Powers, of Orly, was here the past week and opened a tie yard. He employed Frank Klein as inspector and instructed him to take all kinds of ties offered of a marketable variety. Mr. Powers not only has a yard here but has one at Orly, two on the main line of the I. M. and one on the Cat branch, and has not ceased dealing in ties at any time, buying right along during the flurry.

R. H. Cox, of the Purman neighborhood was in town Monday transacting business. He said the farmers were getting along nicely with their work, and much that is usually done in the Spring, when the season opens, has already been done. In fact in every part of the county comes the same story, the open mild winter having permitted much work that is generally done in the Spring, to be completed now.

Dr. J. R. Hume was called out to Hay Mills last Sunday to reduce a fractured leg of a little daughter of C. C. Sanders, who lives on the Dalton place, near here. The child was playing on a pile of ties and one of them tilted and fell over catching the little one's left leg breaking it in two places between the knee and ankle. The little one was carried to Will Trusty's house near by, where the fractures were reduced and she is getting along very nicely now.

Tie buying is getting under way again and it will not be long now until the financial flurry will be a thing of the past, so far as it concerns this locality. Previous to the flurry there had been from \$1500 to \$1800 distributed each week in this city for the last year or two. Of this money every merchant in town got more or less of it there being not less than \$1200 spent each week by tie-makers in the stores of this town. Out that much cash out for a month or two and merchants will feel the loss of it. But now that tie-buying is getting going again, times locally will get better.

The Odd Fellows lodge of this city installed their officers for the ensuing term last Thursday evening. At the same time the Rebeccas also installed their officers for the new term, and the joint installation was made an occasion of an entertainment, which all present most heartily enjoyed, a nice collection being served at the close of the evening ceremony. The officers for the I. O. O. F. were W. R. Moore, Noble Grand; A. Y. Moore, Vice Grand; H. W. Towles, Secretary; Neely Moore, treasurer. The officers for the Rebeccas are—Noble Grand, Mrs. R. L. Redwine; Vice Grand, Mrs. Manie Breen; financial secretary, L. T. McCauley; recording secretary, A. Y. Moore.

William Clark, a well known, prosperous farmer of Gatewood township, died at his home near Tucker, last Saturday, about midnight, with asthma, from which he had been a sufferer for some years. His age was 57 years. He leaves a wife and family of five children. The disease had secured a firm hold on his system and his death was not unexpected. The funeral was held Monday, the body being interred in the Catholic cemetery near Ponder, Rev. Father Smyth pastor of St. Benedict's of this city officiating. The deceased gentleman was highly respected by his neighbors and acquaintances and the funeral was well attended. He was in every way a good citizen.

Assessor's Book For 1908.

Assessor Jim Morrell's tax book, which was approved by the County Court at its session this week, shows a large increase over that of last year, in this county. The book was made for the year 1907 and will be collected this year, beginning next September.

The land book shows the following: No. acres of land assessed, 379,199.38. No. of town lots assessed, 1,608. Value of land assessed, \$1,692,302. Value of town lots, 236,234.

Total land value assessed \$1,928,536. Last year the total land assessment amounted to \$1,844,383, or an increase this year of \$84,153.

The personal assessment this year gives an increase of \$90,465 over that of last year, the personal assessment last year amounting to a total of \$679,537, while this year it is \$770,003, and is distributed as follows:

2887 horses valued at.....	\$24,820.00
32 asses and Jennets valued at.....	225.00
141 mules valued at.....	80,841.00
12992 head of cattle valued at.....	121,000.00
2114 head of sheep valued at.....	44,500.00
12085 head of hogs valued at.....	25,907.00
All other live stock, 300 head.....	60.00
Money and Notes.....	19,708.00
All other personal property.....	15,242.00
Banks.....	4,884.00
Estates.....	216,000.00
Total.....	710,003.00

Increase over assessment for last year showing an increase in both land and personal over year 1906 of..... \$14,416.00. Last year the total number of acres of land assessed was 378,361.38 an increase this year of 838 acres.

The town lots last year numbered 1651, this year 1658, an increase of 7.

The value of the land assessed last year was \$1,621,103. This year \$1,692,302, an increase of \$71,199.

The value of the town lots last year was \$222,175, this year \$236,234, an increase of \$14,059.

In the personal property lists this year the changes were as follows:

	Increase	Decrease
Horses	193	
Asses and Jennets	13	
Mules	12	
Cattle	13	1,637
Sheep	447	
Hogs	71	
Other live stock	36	
Money and Notes	\$18,608.	

While there was quite a decrease in the number of cattle, the decrease in the value was small.

The total amount of the assessment last year, lands and personal, was \$2,523,321, while this year it amounts to \$2,698,536, the increase being, as stated above, \$174,615.

Big Fire at Pocahontas.

The Pocahontas Roller Mill was destroyed by fire about 7 o'clock last night. The loss is about \$10,000. The fire caught from kindling near the stove. A teamster passing the mill saw a flickering light in the office room and stopping his team went to the window and looked in and saw the floor burning about the stove. He broke in the window and scattered the kindling but could find no water handy to put it out and the draft from the open window caused the flames to start afresh and as they have no water works at Pocahontas the building was burned to the ground, as was the Frisco water tank, which was near by. Elijah Dalton owned the mill property.

More Candidates.

We understand that several new candidates have bloomed out within the past week. For assessor, George Ponder, of Ponder, and Lewis Martin, of this city, are mentioned; for representative Judge Harris, Maurice McCauley and John H. Nunnelle, are spoken of, and for Judge of the Eastern district Squire Oscar Gayle, of Harris township is mentioned, as is Maurice McCauley, who may make the race for the judgeship instead of for representative. Squire J. J. Bollenbacher, of Union township, it is said will be in the race for associate Judge of the Western district. And yet there are others.

Dr. S. A. Proctor went to St. Louis Wednesday morning taking with him W. H. Stephens, of Briar Creek, for the purpose of having an operation performed for the removal of a tumor from his stomach. Uncle Harvey has been sick for some time, having been taken ill with typhoid fever last fall and has never entirely recovered from the attack. The tumor, supposed to be a cancerous growth, has developed since he became ill, and he decided that he would take the chance of an operation for relief from suffering. His physical condition is precarious and if his system can withstand the shock of the operation he may get better.

At the home of the bride's parents on North Walnut street, last Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, Mr. Joe Camp and Miss Lillie Cable were united in marriage by Rev. E. A. Jordan, pastor of the Christian church. Only the relatives and a few intimate friends were present at the ceremony. The young people are both well known here and their friends wish them a successful and happy life in their new relationship.

A. G. Mattox and Cal Patterson, who recently traded their town property here for a farm on Dry Creek in Oregon county, three miles west of Calm, and have moved there, were here this week after another load of their household plunder. They are well pleased with their new home.

Miss Alice Moore visited friends at the Mill this week.

County Court Proceedings.

County Court met in special session Monday, January 20, pursuant to call issued by John A. Pulliam, presiding judge, to call the judges of the Eastern district. Those present were John A. Pulliam, presiding judge, L. Harris, associate judge for the Eastern district and W. J. Johnson, associate judge for the Western district; W. H. Stone, clerk and John H. Robinson, sheriff, and the following business was transacted:

W. F. Miller was drawn for the grand jury for the March term of Circuit court for Jordan township.

Allowances were made as follows: Jno. A. Brooks, money advanced to pay expenses of insane, \$85.00. O. C. Williams, work on Current river bridge, 21.00. Ben Snodgrass, same, 21.50. Ben Griggs, same, 13.50. Burt Martin, same, 14.50. Will Worley, same, 10.50. Jack Danner, same, 17.25. Charles Danner, same, 17.25. Steve Allen, same, 12.75. Ruelen Green, same, 13.75. Mat Lusk, same, 13.75. Cleve Shaw, same, 6.75. Grover Hixon, same, 3.75. E. Acebreck, same, 8.25. Oscar F. Frederick, same, 1.50. A. V. Grisham, same, 75. J. L. Dupree, same, 1.50. John A. Brooks, money advanced to pay asylum account, 903.85. L. A. Randle, judge of local option election, 1.50.

Collector W. H. Robinson was authorized to correct error of southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of sec. 18, T. 1 east, R. 2 east to J. H. Mathis.

Court adjourned until 8 o'clock to tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21—SECOND DAY.

Court met pursuant to adjournment all the members being present and the following business was transacted:

Part of land in W. H. Stephens school fund loan, on written consent of two securities, was released from said mortgage.

The assessed valuation on merchants assessment of B. H. Owens, for year 1907, was reduced to \$100.

School fund loans were made as follows:

J. H. Mathis, \$125; capital school, \$84; 24-2 east \$41.

Rebecca Moore, \$800 capital school fund.

Allowances were made as follows:

J. A. Thomas, nails for repairs of current river bridge, \$43.45. Sam Griffin, special road work, 20.00. J. M. Wall, noise for poor, 10.00. Joe Brooks, pine knots for court house, 2.50. Taylor & Johnson, repairing road tools, 1.65. Robert Moore, repairs at jail, 1.75. John T. Slayton, janitor salary, 20.75. John Robinson, sheriff's fees, 74.75. J. G. Merrell, for making assessment and books for 1907, one-half to be paid by county and one-half paid by state, 682.70. John A. Pulliam, 3 day's services as county judge, 15.00. L. Harris, same, 15.00. W. J. Johnson, for 1 day's services as county judge, 5.00.

County clerk was ordered to get out the financial statement for the county for the year 1907 and have same published.

The court having spent most of the time of the two days session in examining the assessment books of the county as assessor approved same and ordered them filed in the county clerk's office, and ordered warrant for county's part of payment for same.

There being no further business court adjourned until court in course.

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Mix the following by shaking well in a bottle, and take in teaspoonful doses after meals and at bedtime: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. A local druggist is the authority that these simple, harmless ingredients can be obtained almost cost free from our home druggists.

The mixture is said to cleanse and strengthen the clogged and inactive kidneys, overcoming Backache, Bladder weakness and urinary trouble of all kinds, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. Those who have tried this say it positively overcomes pain in the back, clears the urine of sediment and regulates urination, especially at night, curing even the worst forms of bladder weakness. Every man or woman here who feels that the kidneys are not strong or acting in a healthy manner should mix this prescription at home and give it a trial, as it is said to do wonders for many persons.

The Scranton (Pa.) Times was first to print this remarkable prescription, in October, of 1906, since when all the leading newspapers of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other cities have made many announcements of it to their readers.

Mrs. Thomas F. Lane and her little daughter, Abbie, have been quite sick during the past week with grippe and the chills.

The Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. board of directors and officers held a meeting in their office in the basement of the court house last Saturday.

Jason Dodd, of Hardley, was here last Friday transacting business, Jason will most likely be a candidate for the nomination for sheriff again this spring. It was his first visit to town since along last summer, as he has been laid up for some time with rheumatism, but is about well now.

SCHOOL NOTES.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMENTS.

One tardy for the week, in the fourth grade.

Half holidays in all grades except the fourth Saturday.

Attendance this week has been poor on account of sickness.

Marie Fortner and Edna Springer were new pupils this week.

Miss Dorothy went to Ponder Saturday to attend the funeral of her cousin. Her place was filled in the morning by Miss Annie Mabrey and in the afternoon by Miss Scott and Miss Williams.

FIFTH GRADE.

Another tardy this week. We don't want to have to report this again.

There have been several absent a day or a half this week on account of sickness so we haven't had very many red letter days.

Examinations are over and we have begun new work. Last term we studied North America and now we have taken up the study of South America. Have found wherein the countries are alike and unlike.

SIXTH GRADE.

The attendance for the boys has been good this week. Our girls, however, seem to think more of home duties than school duties.

Not a single tardy for three weeks. We hardly know the color of green crayon. Possibly some other grade can tell us about this.

During the past week our subject in Geography was the "five races." We locate them in their respective continent and zone at the close of the study; we congratulated ourselves that we belonged to the people of the temperate zone.

SEVENTH GRADE.

We welcome Ren York, a new pupil.

You are not to know that one of our boys was tardy this week.

Eighth grade pupils are always welcome. Come again. We were also glad to have Miss Johnston as a visitor Saturday.

"Ah, fair and south w. s. Evangeline." The poet, Longfellow, has founded the story of Evangeline up on the expulsion of the Acadians by the English. We are finding this an intensely interesting story.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Percent of attendance, girls, 100 boys 87.23.

Our record was married by two tardies this week, one boy and one girl.

Ernest Slayton enrolled in this grade this week. We now have forty in the class, 19 boys and 21 girls.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The attendance record has been more or less disturbed this week. Sickness seems to have been the main cause.

Among our visitors last week were: Mrs. B. Stanton and Mrs. E. L. Olcott, both strong supporters of all matters of education.

The seniors have two cases of absence and none of tardiness; the Juniors four of absence and one of tardiness; the Freshmen 6 of absence and none of tardiness.

Prof. J. D. Eliff, State Examiner of Schools visited us last week and reported everything in good condition. While it is always more or less embarrassing to have a critic about, it is nevertheless helpful.

County supervision looks good to us. We firmly believe that the people of Ripley county are in thorough sympathy with the movement for the number of signers to the petition circulated in the country stands for anything.

This week we shall send to all the teachers of the county a letter of inquiry asking what subjects they wish to study during our Spring course. We shall arrange our course in such a way as to meet the demand of the greatest number.

Our band is getting along nicely. Some of the boys are very enthusiastic and this they can prove to you any day in a very audible manner. Hoyace Lackey will join us as soon as his horn, (a tenor) comes. This will mean another valuable addition.

Prof. Eliff heartily approved and endorsed the new subjects added to our course of study, viz. German and Physical Geography. He suggested that the school invest about \$20 to \$25 in maps and apparatus so that Prof. Geo. may be offered as a unit or point of entrance to the State University.

Prof. Eliff further suggested that instead of offering one and the same course for all high school students, we offer two courses, viz: (1) The Latin Course and (2) The Modern Language course. This would offer a great deal more freedom of choice and election to our students. There are students who simply cannot study, say Latin, at least they find it exceedingly difficult, and get no pleasure from the study, by offering a broader course the scholar has greater liberty to suit his own personal inclination.

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